

# Troopers Arrest Frederica Man for Assault – Seaford

**Seaford** – The Delaware State Police have charged 46 year old Ronelle L. Jones of Frederica with assault and weapons charges stemming from an altercation that took place in Seaford Saturday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:31 p.m., Saturday, May 11, 2019 when Troopers were dispatched to Middleford Rd. in Seaford in reference to an intoxicated subject stumbling in the roadway. Upon arrival Troopers made contact with Jones who matched the description of the intoxicated subject and took him in to custody without incident. A search of Jones' person produced .48 grams of crack cocaine. Jones also admitted to drinking alcohol and smoking crack cocaine earlier in the day.

Further investigation determined that just prior to the Troopers making contact with Jones he had been involved in an altercation with two male subjects at a residence located in the 9000 block of Middleford Rd. The two males advised that they were in the yard of the residence when Jones, who they do not know, came on the property advising that he was looking for his sister. Jones then proceeded to enter the residence, uninvited at which time he was confronted by one of the male subjects. Upon being confronted Jones punched the male and when the male retaliated Jones produced a box-cutter knife and began swinging it at both males, before fleeing.

Jones was transported to Troop 5 where he was charged with the following:

- Possession of a Deadly Weapon during the Commission of a Felony
- Aggravated Menacing (2 counts)
- Assault 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

- Criminal Trespass 1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- Possession of a Controlled Substance

He was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #3 and committed to the Sussex Correctional Institution in lieu of \$74,500.00 secured bail.

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